

ST. LOUIS BREWER COMMITS SUICIDE

W. J. Lemp, Despondent Over Business, Shoots Himself Two Times

WAS THIRD OF FAMILY

His Father and Sister Ended Their Lives; Son "Expected" It to Happen, He Says

By the Associated Press.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—William J. Lemp, 54, president of the William J. Lemp Brewing company, committed suicide today by shooting himself twice through the heart in the office of the brewery in the northern section of the city. It was the third suicide in the family of famous brewers, his father and sister having taken their own lives.

Lemp had been despondent since last June it was said, when the greater part of the brewing property was sold at a realization of only about 8 cents on the dollar. He also had been in failing health. It was explained. Lemp appeared at his office at 9 a. m. today as usual. It was noted, and shortly thereafter Henry Volkamp, vice president, arrived and greeted Lemp.

"Well, how do you feel today?" "Oh, I'm feeling worse," Volkamp said Lemp replied. Volkamp stated Lemp had been extremely nervous for the past several months. Although his face was flushed, Volkamp said he tried to cheer him by saying, "You look better," but Lemp would not be consoled, replying only, "I'm feeling worse."

Volkamp amplified that he then went to his office as Lemp's secretary. Miss Olivia Berschek arrived, believing the spell of melancholia would wear off.

Miss Berschek explained Lemp dismissed her presently on pretext of an errand to the company's architect in another part of the building. She had gone only a short way, she added, when she heard two shots. Lemp's son, William, Jr., 25, was notified and rushed to his father's side. He knelt and cried:

"You know, I knew it. I was afraid this was coming."

He declined to explain the remarks. The William J. Lemp Brewing company just before the advent of prohibition was considered one of the largest brewing companies in the world. It covered a 14-acre triangular tract in the southern section of the city and was valued at \$7,000,000. It was sold at auction last June to five different interests for a total of \$685,000. Lemp had been downcast since that time, as he had hoped to get a much larger price for the property.

Lemp was found lying on his back, a .45 caliber revolver near his right hand. A physician pronounced him dead. Lemp's father, also William J., head of the brewery during the height of its prosperity, shot and killed himself February 13, 1904 at the age of 62. His sister, Mrs. Elsa Wright, committed suicide by shooting March 20, 1920. She was 47.

CHAMBER HOME ASSURED

\$2,000 in Stock Is Underwritten at Luncheon or Members Yesterday

With the underwriting of \$2,000 worth of stock at the Friday noon luncheon of Chamber of Commerce directors at Hotel Tulsa, the proposed Chamber of Commerce building was virtually assured. Only a small amount, about \$2,500, must be subscribed, and Charles B. Peters, president of the chamber, predicted Friday afternoon this will be raised without difficulty or delay.

This was one of the first projects Peters fostered when he was elected president of the chamber a year ago. It has been proposed that this building be made a civic center, providing a permanent home for the Chamber of Commerce, and furnishing several dining rooms, large and small, with adequate service, where all local civic organizations may hold their luncheons or special meetings and perhaps maintain offices furnished and decorated to the liking of their members.

According to President Peters, a committee is soon to be appointed to find a suitable location for this building.

Federal Agents Start Campaign Favoring Meats

New Posters Advertising Wholesomeness of Meat as Food Being Sent Broadcast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Having proclaimed that eating of meat is healthful, the department of agriculture today took its second step in the campaign to stimulate the use of meat as an aid to the livestock industry which has been feeling the effects of decreased use. A four-colored poster displaying as its central figure a well-garbed rooster of best in natural colors was released for use by various organizations which plan to distribute it for display throughout the country.

Over the name of the department of agriculture the poster says:

"Meat is wholesome. For health and vigor eat well balanced meals. A variety of kinds and cuts of meat."

In announcing the new poster the department said:

"Meat is the cornerstone of the diet in our world. It is the basis of our economic purpose in agriculture and industry is not less than its nutritional value. Meat, fish, poultry, cheese, milk and eggs are foods that insure the human body the protein necessary for these building purposes. The greatest of these is meat."

LET EUROPEANS SETTLE DISPUTES, HUGHES ADVISES

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A large part of Europe's burden in addition. No demands of ours stand in the way of a proper settlement of the reparations question.

More than we had the obligation of European governments and there has been much discussion abroad and here with respect to them. There has been a persistent attempt ever since the armistice to link up the debts owing to our government with reparations or with projects of colonization. This attempt was resorted to in a determined manner under the former administration and under the present administration.

"The matter is plain enough from our standpoint. The capacity of Germany to pay is not at all affected by any indebtedness of any of the allies to us. First indebtedness does not diminish Germany's capacity, and its removal would not increase her capacity. For example, if France had been able to finance her part in the war without borrowing at all from us, that is, by taxation and internal loans, the problem of what Germany could pay would be exactly the same. Moreover, so far as the debtors to the United States are concerned, they have unsettled credit balances, and their conditions and capacity to pay cannot be properly determined until the amount that can be realized on these credits for reparations has been determined."

Congress is the proper body to consider the difficulty arising from the fact that the question of these obligations which we hold, and what shall be done with them, is not a question within the province of the executive. Not only may congress deal with public property of this sort, but it has dealt with it. It has created a commission and instead of giving that commission broad powers such as the administration proposed, which cuts apart from congressional action, it has permitted a sound discretion to be exercised in accordance with the facts elicited. Congress has placed definite restrictions upon the power of the commission in providing for the refunding of these debts.

"But what is our attitude toward the question of reparations, standing as it does as a distinct question and as one which cannot be settled unless the European governments concerned are able to agree?"

"We have no desire to see Germany relieved of her responsibility for the war or of her just obligations to make reparations for the injuries due to her aggression. There is not the slightest desire that France shall lose any part of her just claims. On the other hand, we do not wish to see a prostrate Germany. There can be no economic regeneration in Europe unless Germany recovers."

Germany recovers. There will be no permanent peace unless economic satisfactions are enjoyed. There must be hope and industry must have promise of reward if there is to be prosperity. We should view with disfavored measures which instead of producing reparations would threaten disaster.

America Not Invited.
"Some of our own people have suggested that the United States should assume the role of arbitrator. There is one sufficient answer to this suggestion and that is that we have not been asked to assume the role of arbitrator. There could be no such arbitration unless it were invited and it would be an extraordinary and unprecedented thing for us to ask for such an invitation."

"I do not think that we should endeavor to take such a burden of responsibility. We have quite enough to bear without drawing to ourselves all this ill-feeling which would result from disappointed hopes and a settlement which was viewed as forced upon nations by this country which at the same time is demanding the payments of its debts."

But the situation does call for a settlement upon its merits. The first condition of a satisfactory settlement is that the question should be taken out of politics. Statesmen have their difficulties, their public opinion, the exigencies which they must face. It is devoutly to be hoped that they will find a settlement among themselves and that the coming meeting at Paris will find a solution. But if it does not, what should be done? The alternative of forcible measures to obtain reparations is not an attractive one. No one can foretell the extent of the serious consequences which might ensue from such a course. Apart from political results, I believe that the opinion of experts is that such measures will not produce reparations payments, but might tend to destroy the basis of those payments which must be found in economic recuperation.

"If, however, statesmen cannot agree and such an alternative is faced, what can be done? Is there not another way out? The fundamental conditions is that in this critical moment, the merits of the case, as an economic one, must alone be regarded. Sentiment, however natural, must be disregarded; mutual recriminations are of no avail; reviews of the past, whether accurate or inaccurate, promise nothing; assertions of blame on the one hand and excuse on the other come to naught."

There ought to be a way for statesmen to agree upon what Germany can pay, for no matter what claims may be made against her, that is the limit of satisfaction. There ought to be a way to determine that limit and provide a financial plan by which immediate results can be obtained and the European nations can feel that the foundation has been laid for their mutual and earnest endeavors to bring about the utmost prosperity to which the industry of their people entitles them.

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